

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Gregory <i>et al.</i>	)	Group Art Unit: 1651
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Application No.: 10/525,893	)	Examiner: Deborah K. Ware
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Filing Date: July 8, 2005	)	Confirmation No.: 9625
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For: ASSAY FOR THE DETECTION OF BILIVERDIN	)	
IN BIRDS AND REPTILES	)	

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
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February 4, 2010

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 5, 2010 (hereinafter "Office Action"), which set forth a one-month period for reply, *i.e.*, February 5, 2010. In light of the following remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully request that the application be reconsidered and placed in condition for allowance.

A **Listing of Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.8, I certify that this correspondence is being transmitted to the Commissioner for Patents, **MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 2231-124503 via the USPTO's EFS-Web Electronic Filing System on **February 4, 2010**.

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